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1. EMBASSY FORWARDING APPLICABLE PORTIONS REFTEL C IN LETTERS TO GOJ OFFICIALS CONCERNED. WE ANTICIPATE OFFER TOPOSTPONE TRIP TO WEEK OF MAY 17 AND DETAILS OF SPECIFIC US DISCUSSION TOPICS WILL GALVANIZE VARIOUS MINISTRIES INTO PROVIDING FORMAL RESPONSE TO PROPOSED VISIT. PRIOR TO DISPATCH OF LETTER MITI TELEPHONED READINESS TO TALK WITH US TEAM.

2. RE DOUBTS CONCERNING UNIT TRAINS AND AREA A DISCUSSIONS RAISED REFTEL C, PARAS 3 AND 5, WE CREDIT THIS CONFUSION TO FACT THAT JAPANESE REPS AT INITIAL MEETING (REPORTED REFTEL B) DID NOT ALL HAVE GRASP OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SUBJECTS AND TO INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION AMONG GOJ MINISTRIES, AS WELL AS TO GENERAL DISINCLINATION OF JAPANESE BUREAUCRACY TO REACT QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY TO ANY NEW INITIATIVE. REFTEL C SHOULD HELP TO CLARIFY US VIEWS FOR JAPANESE AND BRING IN OPINIONS OF TECHNICAL PEOPLE. FYI: MITI HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING AREA A, ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS BUT INTERESTED IN HEARING US VIEWS ON AREA B, AND ARE NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING LOW POLLUTION ENERGY EFFICIENT AUTO ENGINES. END FYI. AS REPORTED
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REFTEL B, CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY ALREADY INDICATED INTEREST IN

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TALKS.

3. ONCE JAPANESE HAVE HAD CHANCE TO DIGEST CONTENTS OF LETTER CONTAINING US PROPOSALS, WE WILL FOLLOW UP AND REPORT REACTIONS.
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